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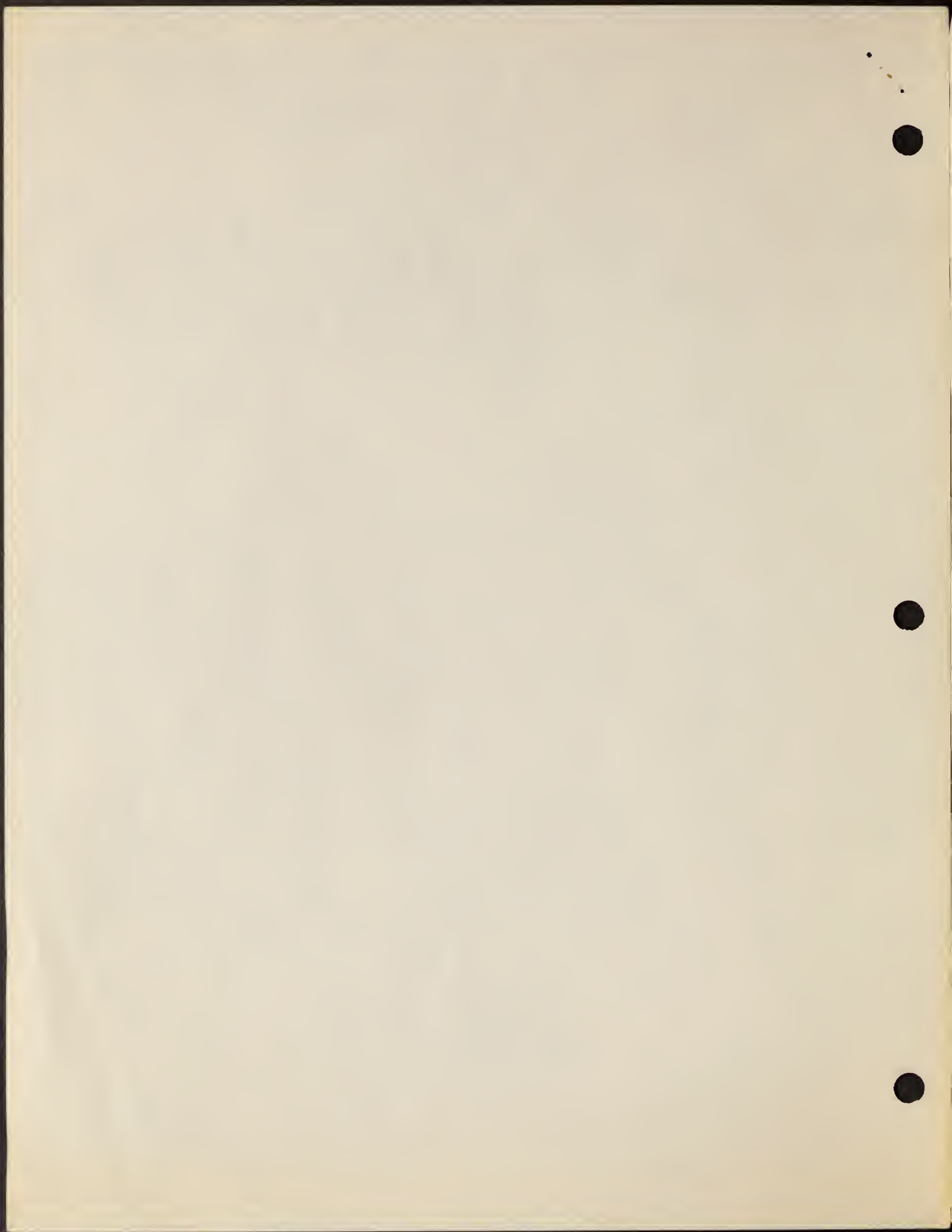
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The Soames - Somes - Solmes Family

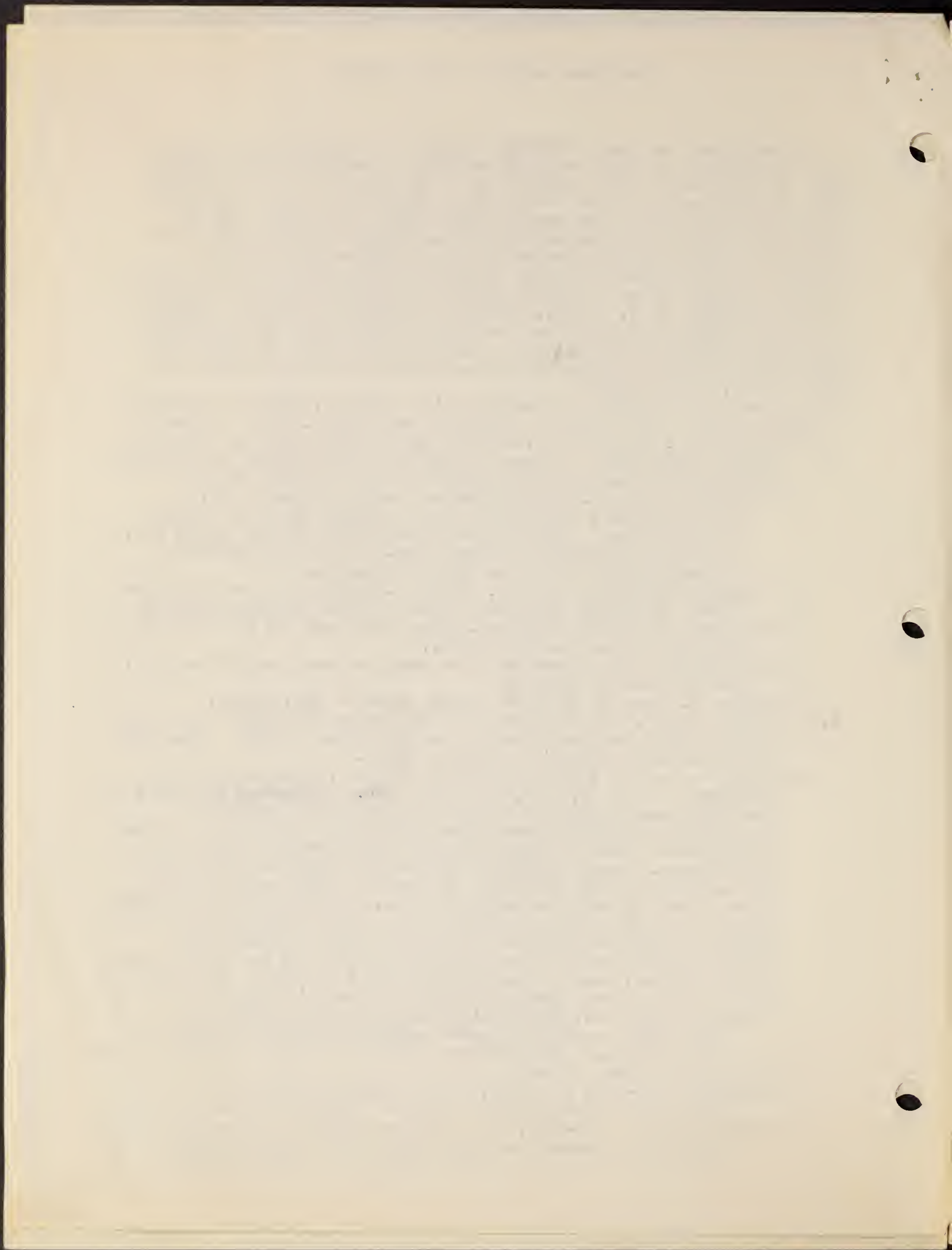
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Richard Somes was born in England in 1695. It is believed his birthplace was London. According to family tradition he enlisted in the British Navy. On the arrival of his ship, on one of its voyages at the port of New York, he determined to try his fortune in the New World. He married, with a license, Maria Garrison at the Dutch Reformed Church in New York City on February 25, 1723. It is believed she was the daughter of John and Bridget (Oakley) Garrison (Garritsen, Gerritzsen), and granddaughter of Dirck Garretsen of West Chester, New York. In 1726 or before, Richard and his wife removed from their legendary Long Island home to Phillipsburg, near Tarrytown, Westchester County, N. Y. On Nov. 4, 1747, he purchased of Philip VerPlanck of Cortlandt Manor, Westchester Co., property in the Rombout Patent, Dutchess County, N. Y. His two children were: Rebecca, baptized June 4, 1726 at the Sleepy Hollow Church, Tarrytown; mar. Nov. 15, 1740, Isaac Jewel, and had at least one son, Richard, and

Samuel Soames (as he spelled his name), baptized April 27, 1728, at the Sleepy Hollow Church. In 1748 he mar. Elizabeth Conckling, b. 1731. Issue:

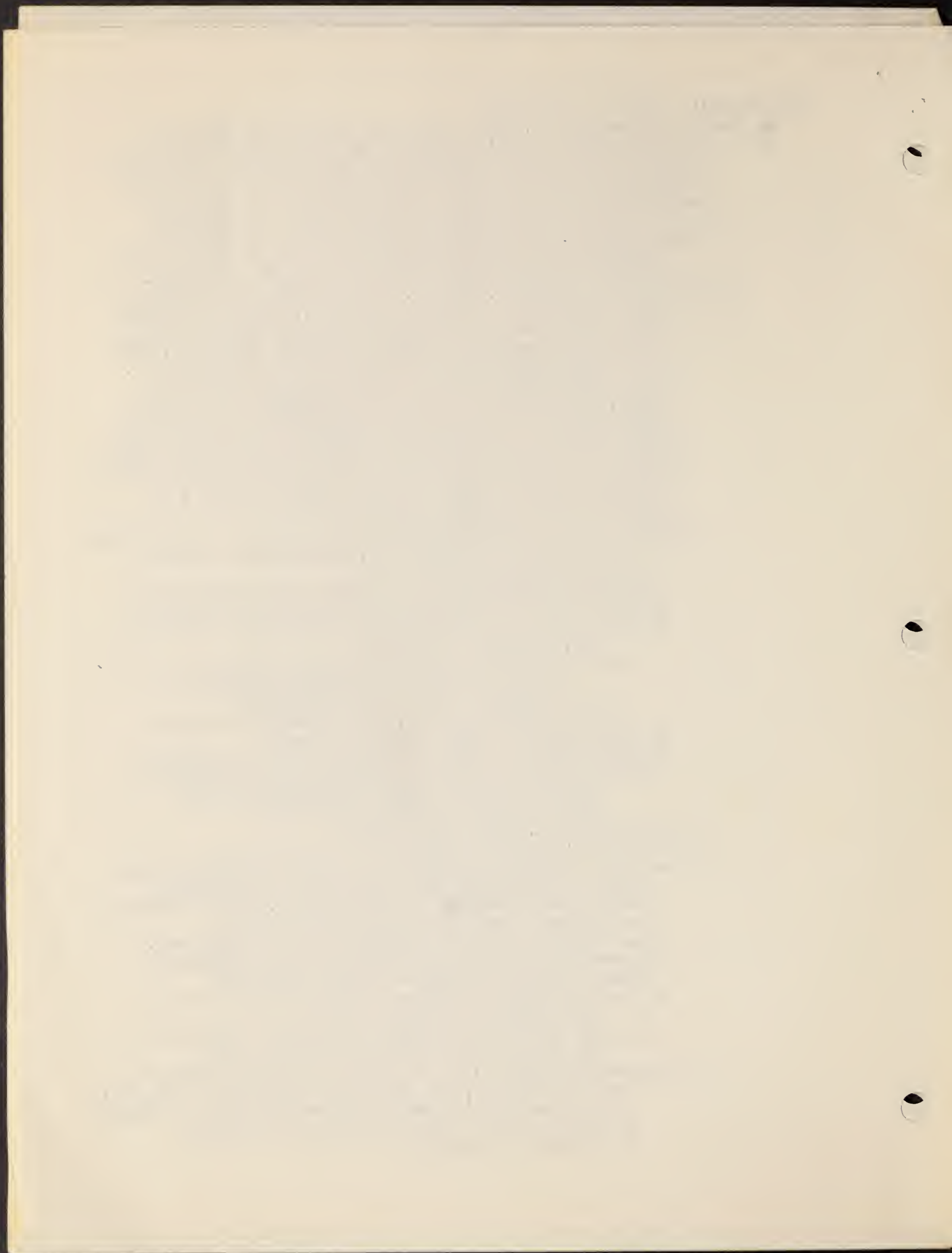
1. Richard, b. Oct. 17, 1750, mar. 1st 1769 Martha Jewell; mar. 2nd Elizabeth Griffin (1746-1824). He moved in 1790 to Saratoga County but it appears he returned to Dutchess County prior to 1799. Issue by 1st wife:
 - A. Samuel, b. 1772, mar. Elizabeth Ludlow, and had 7 sons, 1 dau.
 Son Abraham mar. Mary Ann Harrison of Gaelph, Ont., and finally settled in Iowa. Son Harvey is believed to be the Harvey who set. at Waupoos, Prince Edward County, Ont. and his only known male descendant is Dr. Frederick Solmes of Detroit.
 - B. "Engeltie" (Angelica), Anna, b. 1774, mar. Jacob Cronk, son of Abraham Cronk, and settled in Sophiasburgh, P. E. Co. One son, Samuel D.
 - C. Elizabeth, b. June 14, 1776, mar. Samuel Cronk, and had 9 or 10 children. They did not come to Upper Canada.
 - D. John, who was said to have left home young and never heard from again. Richard's issue by 2nd wife:
 - E. Martha, b. Sept. 18, 1785, mar. Daniel Grant, 2 sons, 4 daus.
2. Timothy, b. June 9, 1752, d. 1822, mar. Anna Andrus, 1760-1855. Settled at Argyle, Washington County, N. Y., and had 2 daus. 4 sons. Three sons d. y., and 4th son Jonas' two sons d. in inf.
3. Nathaniel, b. April 5, 1754, d. Sept. 19, 1849, mar. Lydia Dorland, nee Tacketson, b. Dec. 21, 1754, d. May 14, 1820. A Nathaniel was listed in the 1790 Census of Dutchess County as the head of a household. Nathaniel and Guillaume Demarest were believed to have led an overland Expedition of several families to Upper Canada after the Rev. War - date unknown. Census of Adolphustown lists Nathaniel as living there between 1794 and 1797 inclusive. He received a land grant from the Crown of Lot #10 in Sophiasburgh, P. E. Co., which was registered 18th March, 1803. He joined the British forces on the outbreak of the War of Defense of 1812, and took his part in the Battle of Lundy's Lane. Jonathan and Elizabeth Dorland, children of Lydia and her first husband Gilbert Dorland, went to Canada with Nathaniel and Lydia. Elizabeth was the 2nd wife of James Noxon, 1765-1842. Nathaniel's children:
 - A. Sarah, d. 1783. Mrs. McClellan's Genealogy gives Sarah's death-year as 1794, which according to census records appears more correct.
 - B. Mary, 1783-1841, mar. John Trumpour, settled in Hillier Township, P.E.Co. and had 5 sons, 2 daus.
 - C. Meribeth, 1784-1866, mar. 1803, Thomas Dorland Appleby, 1780-1865, and lies buried in Shannonville Cemetery. 4 sons, 6 daus.
 - D. Gilbert Dorland, 1786-1865, mar. Catherine Kimmerly, and settled in the Township of Richmond, Hastings County. Had 5 sons and 5 daus. who married and settled around Peterborough, Deseronto and Madoc.

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3. Nathaniel's children, continued:

- E. Richard, 1787-1867, mar. Lydia Cronk, nee Barker, 1783-1851, dau. of David Barker. Lydia's first husband was Reuben Cronk, son of Abraham Cronk. Richard purchased Lot #11, property adjoining his father's homestead. In 1863 Richard granted a parcel of land to the district for the purpose of erecting upon it a church, the deed for which was not registered until 1934. His children:
- a. Reuben Cronk, d. Oct. 16, 1889, aged 74 years, mar. Mary Jane Coville, d. Nov. 27, 1873, in the 46th year of her age; set. Sophiasburgh, and later retired to Belleville. No issue.
 - b. David Barker, b. May 20, 1817, d. Jan. 30, 1900, mar. 1st Oct. 2, 1838, Susan Lazier, b. 1819, d. April 2, 1853, dau. of John Lazier, and granddau. of Nicholas Jacobus Lazier, b. 1739. David B. mar. 2nd June 15, 1854, Mary Eliza Stinson, b. 1831, d. April 14, 1906, dau. of David, 1788-1870, (and Rachael M. Young, 1798-1893) Stinson of Hallowell, and granddau. of Daniel, 1765 (and Dorcas Conger 1766) Young, of East Lake; great-granddau. of Capt. John, 1738-1813 and Elizabeth 1729-1796, Stinson, of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, and Colonel Henry 1737 (and Miss Lammman) Young of Husack in northern New York. David B. served his duty in 1866 in repelling the Fenian Raid, and during this war was advanced in rank to captain (and major?). His children by 1st wife:
 - a) Olive Rebecca, was the 2nd wife of Donald Fraser, b. in Picton, son of Col. James Fraser; set. in Montreal. Children:
 - 1) Donald Fraser, b. 1867, d. y.
 - 2) Roderick Mackenzie Fraser, b. 1869, had 1 son, unknown.
 - 3) David Fraser, b. 1871, unmar. d. ab. 55 years of age.
 - 5) Robert Fraser, b. 1875, mar. Kit Phillips of Belleville, set. Montreal. Children:
 - (a) Helen Fraser, mar. Stanley Vipond, Helen d. at birth of her 2nd child and Stanley 2 weeks later. Children: Fraser and John Vipond.
 - (b) Mary Fraser, mar. Dr. J. C. Gomeroy, no issue.
 - 4) Frank Fraser, b. 1873, physician, unmar.
 - 6) Lorne Fraser, b. 1877, wife and adopted dau. unknown.
 - 7) Louise Fraser, b. March 9, 1879, mar. Dr. Charles K. P. Henry, b. 1877, d. 1949, Chief Surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital. No issue.
 - b) David Bishop, d. 1853, aged 5 months. David B.'s issue by 2nd wife:
 - c) Susan Jane (Jennie), b. 1855, d. June 20, 1888, mar. Dr. Guy Reuben Cook, set. Syracuse. One son: Reuben Clayton Solmes Cook, 1882-1950, who mar. and set. at New Woodstock, near Syracuse, and had one son, James R. Cook.
 - d) Reuben Clayton, b. Nov. 23, 1858, d. April 26, 1885, mar. Florence Louisa Church, 1858-1891, dau. of William and (Phoebe Ann Hubbs) Church of Picton. Children:
 - 1) David Reginald, b. 1881, mar. a Miss DeLong, and had 2 sons, Clayton and Ernest Solmes.
 - 2) Marion Church, b. 1883, mar. 1st Arthur D. Cotter, and 2nd Mr. Marwick, children by each husband.
 - e) Franklin Stevenson, b. May 27, 1860, d. Jan. 28, 1935, mar. Jessie Dora Fox, b. Aug. 26, 1866, d. Sept. 24, 1956, set. on his grandfather's homestead, then Belleville and finally at Batavia, N. Y. He had 2 children - my brother, David Burton and myself.



3. Nathaniel Solmes, continued

E. Richard Solmes, continued

b. David Barker Solmes issue, continued:

- f) Lydia Margaret (Lillie), b. 1862, d. Aug. 19, 1951, mar. Dr. George Clinton, d. 1930, set. Belleville, and had 1 dau. Jeen Clinton, of Chicago, unmar.
- g) Richard Russell, b. 1864, d. 1908, mar. Mary Grace Sprague, dau. of Albro H. and (Harriet L. Baker) Sprague of Picton. Issue:
 - 1) Clayton Sprague, b. 1891, d. 1955, mar. Mary Elizabeth O'Connor, set. Oshawa. Two children:
 - (1) Gerald Russell, mar. Jeanne Vincent of Sault Ste. Marie. Physician, set. Toronto. 2 adopted children.
 - (2) Mary Elizabeth, b. ab. 1924, mar. Wilfred W. Weber. Issue in 1950: Mary Eileen, b. 1947.
 - 2) George Clinton, b. 1894, d. 1950, mar. Mildred Parker, set. Peterborough, no issue.
 - 3) Olive Margaret, b. 1895, mar. Albert Hare, set. Picton, 2 daus. Margaret and Doris Hare.
 - 4) Dora Stinson, b. 1897, mar. Ken Walker, set. Demorestville, 2 daus. Grace Elizabeth and Marjorie Olive Eleanor Walker.
- c. Rebecca D., b. ab. 1820, mar. Samuel R. Brooks. 2 sons:
 - a) Richard A. Brooks, mar. Cynthia DeMille, no issue.
 - b) Albert J. Brooks, mar. Nellie Huyck, 2 sons 1 dau.
- d. Lydia Margaret, b. 1823, d. 1900, 2nd wife of Philip F. Ganniff, b. 1821, d. 1911, Bursar of the Deaf and Dumb Institute (now the Ontario School for the Deaf) in Belleville. 1 dau. 3 sons.

F. Jane, b. 1789, d. 1856, mar. Peter Lazier, b. 1786, son of Nicholas Jacobus and (Charity Conklin) Lazier who mar. 1771 at Yonkers, N. Y. Peter and Jane set. between Demorestville and Picton. 8 daus. 5 sons.

G. Lydia, b. 1792, d. 1876, mar. Caleb Garrison, set. in Hastings County, and had 3 sons, 4 daus.

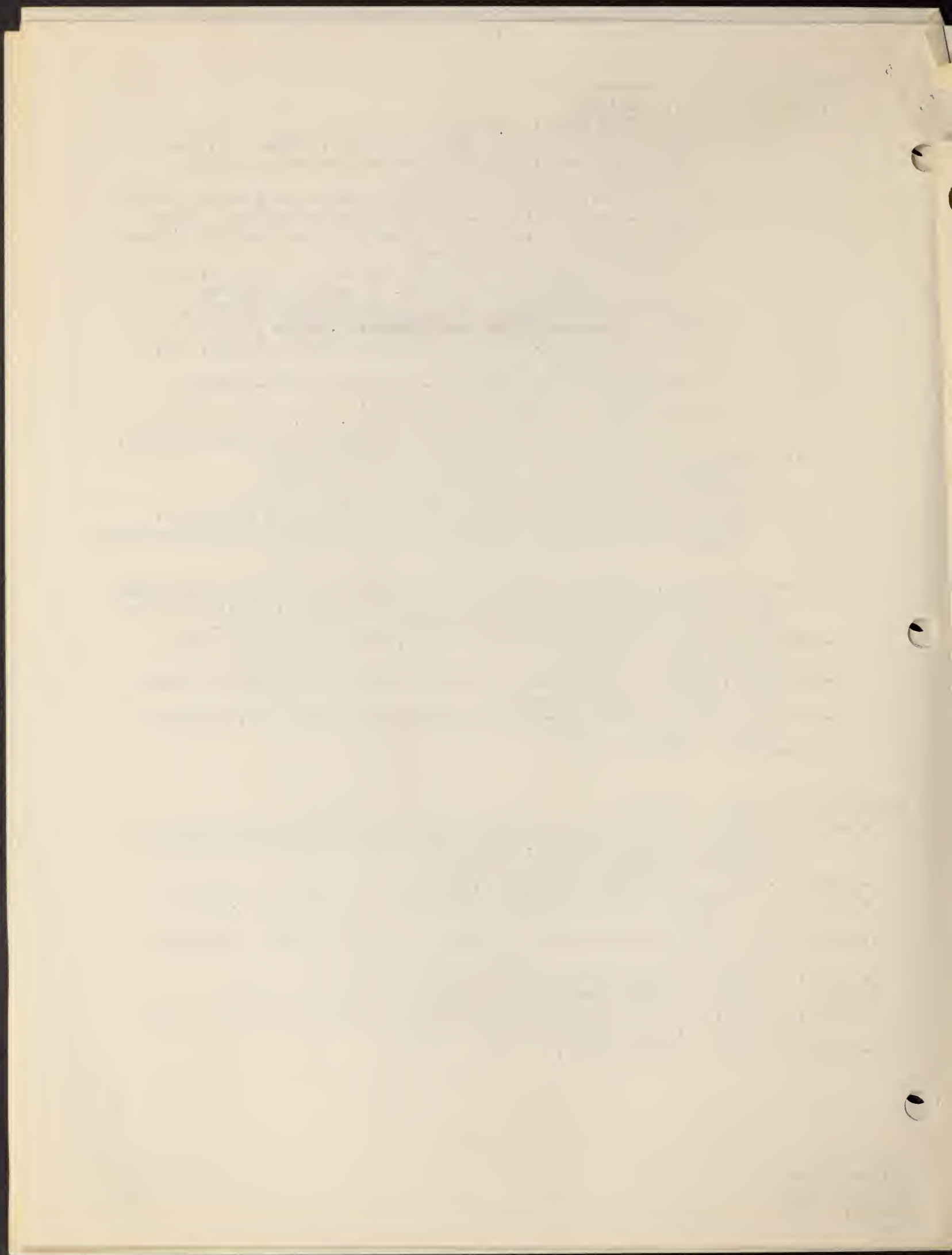
H. Samuel, b. 1794, d. 1879, mar. 1st Eleanor Cotter, and 2nd Lydia Osborne, set. Northport, no issue.

I. Sarah, b. 1797, d. 1874, mar. John I. DeMille, 1793-1874, set. Northport. 9 daus. 4 sons.

J. Timothy, b. 1800, d. 1813.

Samuel Soames issue, continued:

- 4. Dorcas, b. 1756, d. 1778, 1st wife of Enoch Dorland, son of Samuel Dorland, Sr. of Beekman, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Had 1 son: Gilbert E. Dorland who mar. Jane Hageman, and had 8 sons, 4 daus.
- 5. Jonas, b. 1758, d. 1791, in Dutchess Co., unmar.
- 6. Stephen, b. 1759, mar. Mary Vermilyea, set. Saratoga County, N. Y., and had 4 daus. 6 sons.
- 7. Rebecca, b. 1761, d. 1816, 1st wife of Samuel Dorland, Jr., set. in Beekman, 9 sons, 2 daus.
- 8. Phila, b. 1763, mar. John Pine, 5 sons, 1 dau.
- 9. Mary, b. 1765, mar. Levi Ganniff, set. Dutchess Co., N. Y. 2 sons.
- 10. Isaac, b. 1767, mar. Dorcas Jones. It is believed he moved to New Hope, near Newburgh, N. Y. around 1801. 5 sons, 4 daus.
- 11. John, b. 1769, left home young.



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21 July 1963

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

Just a note to say many thanks to you. I did indeed appreciate the time and interest you gave me when I called to see you last week. It is seldom there is such vital interest and fine generosity to be found.

I have between sixty and seventy pages on the family, with many details which I believe would not be of special interest to your records, so I have written down the items that would appear to be essential to you.

Much as I dislike to give up the thought which I held, that Nathaniel had been a Loyalist, I will have to do so. The apparent fact that he was in Dutchess County in 1790 and your census list of Adolphustown stating he was there when I had believed he was in Prince Edward County - these records one has to accept, rather than those of memory or tradition, such as the "Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte".

Mrs. Anna Somes McClellan, in her genealogy, stated that my grandfather, David B. Solmes, had been a Member of Parliament in 1866. I had never heard my parents mention this, so rather doubt her record. She may have confused him with his father-in-law, David Stinson, whom I believe had been a Member at one time. Do you know?

Perhaps you may find some errors in this record. Perhaps there are more details you would wish. I shall be pleased to answer anything I can.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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